

## Appendix B. Definitions and Explanations

**Population coverage.** The estimates in this report are restricted to the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States and members of the Armed Forces living off post or with their families on post.

**Age.** The age of the person is based on age of the person at his last birthday. The adult population in this report is comprised of persons 15 years old and over.

**Race.** The population is divided into three groups on the basis of race: White, Black, and "other races." The last category includes American Indians, Asian/Pacific Islanders, and any other race except White and Black.

**Persons of Hispanic origin.** Persons of Hispanic origin were determined on the basis of a question that asked for self-identification of the person's origin or descent. Respondents were asked to select their origin (or the origin of some other household member) from a "flash card" listing ethnic origins. Persons of Hispanic origin, in particular, were those who indicated that their origin was Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or some other Hispanic origin. It should be noted that persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

**Marital status.** The marital status classification identifies four major categories: never married, married, widowed, and divorced. These terms refer to marital status at the time of enumeration.

The category "married" is further divided into "married, spouse present," "separated," and "other married, spouse absent." A person was classified as "married, spouse present" if the husband or wife was reported as a member of the household, even though he or she may have been temporarily absent on business or on vacation, visiting, in a hospital, etc., at the time of enumeration. Persons reported as separated included those with legal separations, those living apart with intentions of obtaining a divorce, and other persons permanently or temporarily separated because of marital discord. The group "other married, spouse absent" includes married persons living apart because either the husband or wife was employed and living at a considerable distance from home, was serving away from home in the Armed Forces, had moved to another area, or had a different place of residence for any reason except separation as defined above.

**Household.** A household consists of all persons who occupy a housing unit. A house, an apartment or other group of rooms, or a single room is regarded as a housing unit when it is occupied or intended for occupancy as separate living quarters; that is, when the occupants do not live and eat with any other persons in the structure and there is either (1) direct access from the outside or through a common hall or (2) a kitchen or cooking equipment for the exclusive use of the occupants.

For this report, the household composition was determined as of the interview date. A household includes the related family members and all the unrelated persons, if any, such as lodgers, foster children, wards, or employees who share the housing unit. A person living alone in a housing unit or a group of unrelated persons sharing a housing unit as partners is also counted as a household.

**With a job.** Persons are classified as "with a job" if during the fourth month of the reference period they either (a) worked as paid employees or worked in their own business or profession or on their own farm or worked without pay in a family business or farm for one or more weeks of this period or (b) were temporarily absent from work either with or without pay.

**Looking for work.** Persons who "looked for work" are those who were (a) without a job during the entire fourth month of the reference period, (b) tried to get work or establish a business or profession, and (c) were available to accept a job.

**In labor force.** The phrase "in the labor force" as used in this report includes all persons "with a job" (as defined above) and those persons who were "looking for work" (as defined above).

**Not in labor force.** The phrase "not in the labor force" as used in this report refers to those persons who (a) did not have a job during the entire fourth month of the reference period, (b) were not on layoff from a job, and (c) made no effort to find a job during the entire period.

**Family.** A family is a group of two or more persons (one of whom is the householder) related by blood, marriage, or adoption and residing together; all such persons (including related subfamily members) are considered members of one family.

**Monthly income.** The monthly income estimates shown in this report for households are based on the sum of the monthly income received by each member of the household age 15 years old or over at the date of interview.

**Family income.** Family money income represents the total money income of all members of the family. Family money income in this report is limited to money income before the payment of Federal, state, local, or Social Security taxes and before any other types of deductions such as union dues and Medicare premiums. Total income is the sum of the amounts received from wages, salaries, self-employment income (including losses), Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, public assistance, interest, dividends, rent, veterans' payments, unemployment and worker's compensation, and any other source of money income which was regularly received.

**Mean income.** The mean income is the amount obtained by dividing the total income of a group by the number of units in that group.

**Personal care activities.** Personal care activities includes activities such as eating, dressing, and taking care of personal hygiene.

**Housework.** The term "housework" refers to light household chores such as washing dishes, straightening up around the house, and light cleaning.

**Keeping track of bills and money.** Keeping track of bills and money includes paying bills, cashing checks, managing accounts, and related activities,

**Need for personal assistance.** A person was considered to "need personal assistance" only if his limitation was due to a health condition that lasted or was expected to last 3 months or longer.